Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their political interests and the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Wherein Sinclair is using its power to preempt local stations' programming and compel them to air an electioneering attack on Sen. Kerry in the name of a "news" program, this is illegal and must be stopped.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.